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U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Small Craft Berthing
Facility
(U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor, Naval Station Ford Island)
(Structure No. S375)
Hornet Avenue at Independence Street
Pearl Harbor
Honolulu County
Hawaii

PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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U. S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor
Naval Station, SMALL CRAFT BERTHING FACILITY (S 375)

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Location: Ford Island, southeast side near the intersection of
Hornet Avenue and Independence Street; between Wharfs
F-3-1/2 and F-4.
Pearl Harbor, Honolulu County, Hawaii

USGS Pearl Harbor Quadrangle, Hawaii
7.5 minute series (orthophotoquad)
Universal Transverse Mercator coordinates
4.607942.2362900 (Scale - 1:24,000)

Date of Construction: Circa 1940

Engineer: Fourteenth Naval District, Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor

Present Owner: Naval Station (NAVSTA), Pearl Harbor

Present Use: Facility S 375 provides berthing for small crafts such
as the Naval Station (NAVSTA) Water Transportation
commuter boats and other small boats under NAVSTA
cognizance. It is a covered berthing facility
approximately 175 feet long and consists of 7 six feet
wide finger piers connected together by a 10 foot wide
access pier. The Water Transportation Boathouse
(Bldg. 44) is located above the eastern finger piers
of this facility. The piers are constructed of
reinforced concrete slabs, beams, girders and pilecaps
supported on precast concrete piles.

Significance: On the morning of 7 December, 1941, the tanker, USS
Neosho, was berthed at Wharf F-4 which is located near
Berthing Facility S 375. It had just completed
discharging aviation fuel to the nearby tank farm at
Ford Island when the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor
began at 0755. There was a concern that if the Neosho
was struck and exploded, the nearby tank farm and the
battleships, Maryland, Tennessee and West Virginia
would also be destroyed. However, by 0810 the
Neosho's skipper, Captain John S. Phillips had the
ship's AA battery firing at the enemy aircraft. By
0842 the Neosho was under way to clear the focal point
of the attack and headed for Berth M-3 at Merry's
Point. Berthing Facility S 375 was constructed in
1943 to provide berthing for small craft. The U.S.
Naval Base at Pearl Harbor was designated as a
National Historic Landmark in 1964. As a Category 3
structure, it has been determined that Facility S 375
functioned as part of the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, but
is only of minor importance to the historic character
of the National Historic Landmark.

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